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A METHOD FOR REPLICATING A SURFACE RELIEF AND AN ARTICLE FOR HOLDING A

SURFACE RELIEF

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

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  - (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under § 1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.
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| $\boxtimes$ | Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:  |  |                            |                          |   |                   |              |          |              |       |  |  |  |
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|             | $\boxtimes$   | ∑ The After Final Amendment(s) previously filed<br>17, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered<br>present application.   |                            |                          |   |                   |              |          |              |       |  |  |  |
|             |   | Arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .   |                            |                          |   |                   |              |          |              |       |  |  |  |
|             | A Reply Under Rule 1.111, attached hereto. Cl are calculated as set forth below:  |  |                            |                          |   |                   | aim fee(s)   |          |              |       |  |  |  |
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|             | An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 form(s) is/are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration. |  |                            |                          |   |                   |              |          |              |       |  |  |  |
|             |   | Other:   |                            |                          |   |                   |              |          |              |       |  |  |  |
|             | <u>Miscellaneous</u>  |  |                            |                          |   |                   |              |          |              |       |  |  |  |
|             |   | Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ( ) months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months.) |                            |                          |   |                   |              |          |              |       |  |  |  |

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|   | The fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for suspension of action is enclosed.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
|   | Enclosed is(are) check(s) in the total amount of \$750.00 for the applicable filing fee, additional claims fee, suspension fee, and/or extension fees. |  |   |  |  |  |  |
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|   |  |  | Respectfully submitted,   |  |  |  |  |
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